

# On The Green

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## Gallaudet community plays a role in carrying Olympic torch to Atlanta

By Roz Prickett

The Olympic torch relay, which began in Los Angeles, Calif., on April 27, is bringing honor to more than 10,000 Americans who are helping it reach its destination in Atlanta, Ga., for the opening of the Summer Games July 19.

Gallaudet is proud to claim six of those chosen as torch bearers as members of the University community. In addition to President I. King Jordan, the other runners from Gallaudet who have carried the symbol of international sportsmanship are alumni Dennis Platt, Jerald Jordan, and Bodil Tvede; Wesley Moran, a student; and Richard England, a member of the Board of Associates.

Dr. Jordan, England, Platt, and Moran are among the 5,500 citizens selected to carry the torch for having met criteria that has earned them the title "Community Hero": outstanding volunteer work; acts of generosity or kindness; work as a community leader, role model or mentor; and extraordinary feats or accomplishments, locally or nationally.

The first person from Gallaudet to carry the flame was Platt, a member of the Class of '66 and vice president of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf, who received the torch in Ogden, Utah, on May 10. For more than a decade, Platt has volunteered his time with the AAAD

and with the Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf, the Utah Association of the Deaf, and the Institutional Council of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

"I feel it was quite an honor, and I'm glad I was chosen," said Platt.

On June 20, the Olympic flame arrived in Washington, D.C. President Jordan was originally scheduled to run with the torch past Gallaudet's main entrance late in the afternoon. However, on the preceding day, the Olympic Committee contacted the University and said that Dr. Jordan had instead been selected to carry the torch at the White House. The committee then agreed to allow Jerald Jordan, who had not originally been scheduled to run, to substitute for President Jordan in carrying the torch to Kendall Green.

Jerald Jordan, better known as "JJ," and who is no relation to President Jordan, is a member of the Class of 1948. He has served as president of the Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS), an international deaf sports organization, for many years. Last year, for his work with the CISS, Jerald Jordan received the Olympic Order award from the International Olympic Committee. His commitment to sports also earned him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Gallaudet in 1994.

Shortly before 5 p.m., Jerald Jordan,

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ABOVE: (Left) Gallaudet President I. King Jordan, with US President Bill Clinton, carries the torch at the White House. Behind them are First Lady Hillary Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. (Right) Clinton cheers Jordan after they light the cauldron bearing the Olympic flame. BELOW: Jerald Jordan is mobbed by well-wishers after his torch run.



## Thirteen students honored at KDES Recognition Day

Thirteen KDES honorees basked in the reflected pride shining from the faces of their families and friends—from the staff and teachers who have helped them learn and mature over the years—at a June 8 ceremony in MSSD's Theatre Malz.

KDES' annual Recognition Day celebrates a rite of passage for students who have successfully completed their studies. It also signifies the importance of their entering high school, where they will be taking more responsibility for their learn-

ing and finding the direction their lives will take.

In a welcome to his fellow honorees, Batangana Levongala said that he and his peers "hope to make the world a better place. But first we must improve ourselves." To accomplish that, Levongala advised the honorees to stay in school, lead a healthy lifestyle, get involved in community activities, keep a positive attitude, and to become positive role models.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was, ironically, a man who has emceed many KDES Recognition Days. Albert Couthen, assistant principal of the Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia, worked at KDES from 1977 to 1992, his last 10 years as assistant principal. "I'm thrilled to be here again and to be a part of this program," said Couthen. "This brings back a multitude of memories."

Couthen reminded the honorees, most of whom will be attending MSSD, that they are about to make a major step in their lives. He recalled

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## Column features personnel news

*On the Green* will feature a new column, "Personnel Notes," that will inform readers—through text and photographs—about new employees on campus and provide newsworthy updates about existing faculty, teachers, and staff and their jobs.

The column, which will be written by members of the Office of Human Resources, will be published approximately once a month. It will be a forum to welcome new employees to campus and to congratulate other faculty, teachers, and staff on new job titles, promotions, and service awards. It will also provide other items of interest.

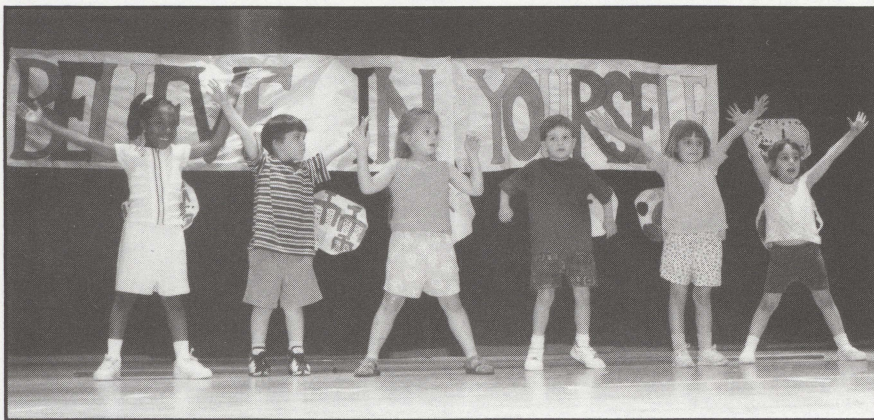
In addition, brief feature stories will run periodically, as space permits, spotlighting a campus unit. The articles will focus on the overall responsibilities of the department or office and the tasks that each employee in the area performs.

Supervisors are welcome to submit news items to Joanne Jones, manager of Employment Services, College Hall Room 106.



Kendall Cup winners Ryan Zarembka (center) and Matthew Kobashi are cheered by (from left) Marsha Miceli, Don Mahoney, and Nancy Rarus.





CDC Kindergarten graduates entertain at a June 13 program to celebrate their graduation. From left are Chazlyn Tuckson, Sean Fernandes, Sheena Kay O'Donnell, Matthew Stock, Kelly Brunner, and Molly Wallace. (Jacob Miller is not pictured.)

## Pride shows among KDES honorees

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that the week before, when he delivered MSSD's commencement address, he recognized many of the students from their KDES days. "I sensed how they felt—their anxiety, and also their confidence—and I feel the same for you." He told the honorees that they will experience more freedom at MSSD, but cautioned them that with freedom comes the responsibility to make the right choices.

"I know today you are excited that you have finished your studies at KDES," said Couthen. "You will feel confident about high school, and at other times you will be frustrated. These are the two sides of success—confidence and frustration. There are many opportunities for you to succeed, but you have to earn it."

During the awards segment of the program, the Kendall Cup, the school's top award, was presented to Matthew Kohashi and Ryan Zarembka. The award recognizes leadership, academic performance, cooperation, and positive attitude.

The Linwood Smith Award for writing ability, given in memory of Smith, a black deaf leader and noted writer, went to Tameka Dishman and Levongala. The Malcolm Norwood Award, given in memory of Norwood, a dynamic leader in the deaf community, and which goes to a student who has exhibited leadership potential,

went to Zarembka. The Elizabeth Jackson Award for citizenship, given in memory of Jackson, who worked 19 years for KDES, went to Sunitha Samuel. Kendall Home-School Organization bonds were awarded to Susanna Martin, Kevin Flynn, and Levongala; and speech awards went to Susanna Martin, Valencia Smith, Dishman, Tashica Holloman, Flynn, Zarembka, and Levongala. Unrelated to Recognition Day, KDES, the following week, named Barbara Kaufman and Ruth Innes Employees of the Year.

The program ended with Don Mahoney's song "Kendall School Days," an affectionate tribute to the honorees' years of growing and learning at the school.

## Project ACHIEVE welcomes candidates

**By Dr. David Martin**

Project ACHIEVE, a collaboration between Gallaudet's School of Education and Human Services and five other school programs for deaf learners, welcomed eight new teacher education candidates at a May 28 reception in the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center.

The project, which is funded by a three-year, \$250,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation of Miami, Fla., provides special school-based courses and training leading to a master's degree for teachers and staff who work with deaf students in schools.

In addition to Gallaudet University, the schools that are participating in Project ACHIEVE are:

## Six torch bearers bring honor to Gallaudet

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accompanied by President Jordan, took over the role of torch bearer two blocks from Gallaudet's main entrance at 8th and Florida Avenues, NE. His arrival was greeted by more than 500 cheering supporters. He passed the flame to the next runner in front of the Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell statue and was quickly mobbed by the crowd, who were waiting for autographs and photos.

Approximately 90 minutes later, England ran with the torch in Northwest D.C., near American University. England is chair emeritus of the Hechinger Company and an active volunteer for a number of local organizations in Washington, D.C., including Gallaudet's Board of Associates, of which he is a charter member.

At 76, England was the second-oldest person in the D.C. area to carry the torch. After having completed his run, he told a local TV reporter: "I am happy I was chosen and glad I was able to finish."

That evening's festivities ended with the Olympic flame's arrival at the White House. The torch was passed to President Jordan just inside the White House gates, and he jogged past the crowds of Congressmen and their families to where President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton and Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore were standing.

"They had turned out all the lights at the White House, so as I was running, the only light in the night

was the single flame from the torch in my hand," said President Jordan the next day. "It was beautiful."

Clinton and Jordan then proceeded to the stage where they lit the cauldron where the flame was kept to burn through the night.

President Jordan was named a Community Hero for his work on the President's Commission for Employment of People with Disabilities and for serving as a role model for deaf and hard of hearing individuals world-wide. He is also an avid marathon runner, having run at least a 26.2 mile marathon monthly for the past six years, plus more than 30 ultra marathons, ranging from 50 to 100 miles.

On June 30, the Olympic flame found its way into the hands of Moran and Tvede in Montgomery, Ala. Moran, a senior majoring in film and photography, volunteers his time with the fire department in his hometown of Daviston, Ala., and at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talledega.

Tvede is a member of Gallaudet's Class of 1955. She was chosen by the Olympic Committee to run in honor of her maternal grandfather, Alvin Kraenzlein, an Olympian from the second Olympic games in Paris, France, held in 1900, who won four gold medals in track and field. She remarked that she was "delighted about having this opportunity to carry the torch."

## Announcements

The campus community is invited to a National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) interactive workshop on July 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Peikoff Alumni House. The workshop will focus on how oppression affects all of us. To register, call Andrea Shettle at x7103 or e-mail ALSHETTLE by July 15.

"A Celebration of Deaf Dance," produced by Gallaudet University Television to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Gallaudet Dance Company, was awarded three EMMYs by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the 38th Capital Region Emmy Awards June 8. Senior producer/director John Mullen accepted Emmys for Outstanding Documentary and Outstanding Direction-Tape/Film. Sandy White, also a senior producer/director, was honored with an EMMY for Writing.

## Classified Ads

**FOR RENT:** 2-BR apt. in house, 15-min. drive to campus, new carpet, deck, parking, fenced-in yard w/kennel for dog (no indoor pets), convenient to Metro., \$675/mo. plus util. Call Tonya, (301) 209-1188 eves, or e-mail TTLANDIS.

**FOR SALE:** 1992 Saturn SL, AC, AM/FM cassette, ABS brakes, 5-sp., 45,500 miles, exc. cond., \$8,500/BO. Call Pam McClelland, x8-6200, or e-mail PSMCCLELLAND.

**WANTED:** Teacher or grad student to provide full-time care for two small children, one with learning disability, until mid-Aug., Capitol Hill, competitive pay, driving, references required. Call Kathryn, (202) 544-6127.

**FOR SALE:** Bally's Total Fitness gold lifetime pass, inc. racquetball, no mo./annual fees, \$950/BO. Call C.L. Boyd, (301) 604-3084 (TTY) or x5477, or e-mail CLBOYD.



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